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## Banner Messages for the 09-20-2021 and 09-24-2021 Reports

This file contains abbreviated messages meant to provide timely notifications that affect all provider groups (physicians, dentists, and so forth). Additional current and historic information affecting the Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program provider community may be found in the earlier postings of these files in the TMHP banner library at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com).

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### **1 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2021, prior authorization criteria will change for chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) t-cell therapy for Texas Medicaid.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [\[link\]](#)

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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### **2 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) will change from 68.01 percent to 67.00 percent. The FMAP change affects only providers that certify expenses and are paid only the federal share of their claims.

Effective for dates of service from October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (EFMAP) will change from 77.61 percent to 76.90 percent. This change will not affect provider reimbursement.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**3 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is a correction to an article titled "Reimbursement Rate Changes and Updates for Texas Medicaid Procedure Codes Effective January 1, 2021 and September 1, 2021," which was published on the TMHP website on August 13, 2021. The article listed incorrect reimbursement rates for some procedure codes in the tables titled Nonclinical Laboratory and Nonclinical Laboratory - Rural Hospitals.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

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**4 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of discharge on or after September 1, 2021, Texas Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program will continue to use version 36 of the All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) system.

Statistical information about the APR-DRG payment system, including relative weights, mean lengths of stay, and day thresholds, can be found on the Texas Medicaid Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement webpage.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**5 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The standard dollar amounts (SDAs) for dates of discharge on or after September 1, 2021, are now available for hospitals, including some children's and rural hospitals.

The SDAs can be found on the Texas Medicaid Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement webpage.

Claims submitted with discharge dates on or after September 1, 2021, that were reimbursed at the previous rates will be reprocessed at a later date.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**6 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 9, 2021, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2021, the reimbursement rates for drug procedure code Q5123 for Texas Medicaid will be implemented.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**7 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Texas providers rendering services to evacuees from Louisiana due to Hurricane Ida may complete the Hurricane Emergency Expedited Application with Louisiana Medicaid to receive reimbursement for services rendered to Louisiana Medicaid clients.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**8 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments could be delayed by one business day due to a payment processing issue that has been resolved at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Providers receiving EFT payments can expect funds by Monday, August 30, 2021, at the latest.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**9 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after August 12, 2021, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's amended Emergency Use Authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0003A (Pfizer-BioNTech) and 0013A (Moderna) are now benefits of Medicaid, Healthy Texas Women (HTW), the Family Planning Program (FPP), and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program for an additional dose for certain immunocompromised individuals.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**10 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, providers are no longer required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from prior authorization forms, instructions, and consent forms.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**11 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning September 1, 2021, Medicaid will expand coverage of the hepatitis C virus clinical prior authorization criteria to include all metavir fibrosis scores.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**12 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program COVID-19 related flexibilities have been extended through September 30, 2021. HHSC will provide more information if there are changes.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**13 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

As part of the continued response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will waive Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) co-payments through September 30, 2021. HHSC will provide more information if there are changes. The waiver applies to medical office visit co-payments only.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**14 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) response, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has directed TMHP to move forward with processing new and initial prior authorization requests, including recertification requests, by relaxing document submission timeframes for providers if they are unable to provide certain required documentation during the COVID-19 emergency.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**15 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Multiple Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) COVID-19 flexibilities have been extended through September 30, 2021.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**16 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, system changes are coming, and all prior authorization forms are being updated.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**17 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2021, reimbursement rate updates for procedure codes presented at a public rate hearing on July 12, 2021, will be implemented.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**18 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The updated Client Eligibility computer-based training is available on the TMHP Learning Management System website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**19 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

"The Benefits of PEMS" instructional video is available for viewing.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**20 (09/03/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective August 24, 2021, for dates of service on or after June 8, 2021, COVID-19 vaccine administration add-on procedure code M0201 is now a benefit of Medicaid and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**21 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

On July 30, 2021, the FDA revised the emergency use authorization (EUA) for REGEN-COV (casirivimab and imdevimab, administered together) authorizing REGEN-COV for emergency use as post-exposure prophylaxis (prevention) for COVID-19 in adults and pediatric individuals (12 years of age or older weighing at least 40kg) who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 30, 2021, diagnosis code Z20822, indicating possible exposure to COVID-19, will be added as a payable diagnosis for procedure code M0243 for monoclonal antibody therapy administration.

Affected claims submitted with dates of service from July 30, 2021, through August 12, 2021, will be reprocessed. Providers may receive an additional payment, which will be reflected on future Remittance and Status Reports.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**22 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers \*\*\*\*\***

The "Removal of TPI From Forms" informational video is available for viewing.

This short video explains that in place of Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs), providers must submit their National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) and related data on forms, effective September 1, 2021.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**23 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\* Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The updated Medicaid fee-for-service Medical Transportation Program computer-based training is available on the TMHP Learning Management System website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**24 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The recent summer resurgence in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activities in Texas resulted in the Texas Health and Human Service Commission's (HHSC) decision to gradually open all Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) regions, allowing all members who meet prior authorization criteria to receive monthly doses of Synagis (palivizumab).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**25 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Beginning October 1, 2021, completion of a new prior authorization form for treatment with Synagis (palivizumab) will be required for all children. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) monitors respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity year-round in its 11 Public Health regions and reports data on its website. This data is followed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the RSV Task Force of practicing physicians from around the state. As a result of the recent summertime resurgence in RSV activity, HHSC began opening DSHS regions gradually from June 21 through July 23, 2021. With the traditional 2021-22 RSV season approaching, all Texas DSHS regions will remain open, and all children who meet prior authorization criteria will be eligible for up to 5 monthly doses of Synagis (palivizumab).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**26 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled "Reminder: TPI Number to be Removed From Prior Authorization Forms, Claim Forms and Instructions, Effective September 1, 2021," which was posted on the TMHP website on August 16, 2021.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**27 (09/06/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, providers are no longer required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from claim forms, electronic data interchange (EDI) forms, and instructions.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**28 (09/10/21 through 10/01/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective September 1, 2021, providers are no longer required to use their Texas Provider Identifiers (TPIs) for submitting paper claims, paper prior authorization requests, or for calling TMHP. The TPI fields have been removed from Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program authorization forms, prior authorization forms, miscellaneous forms, and form instructions.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**29 (09/17/21 through 10/08/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2021, benefit and prior authorization criteria will change for medical nutritional products for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**30 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled "Guidance for Providers Regarding New and Initial Prior Authorizations," which was published July 2, 2020, on the TMHP website.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**31 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) response, the requirement to obtain the client or guardian signature on the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program Documentation of Receipt Form is waived through September 30, 2021.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**32 (09/03/21 through 09/24/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CSHCN Services Program Providers\*\*\*\*\***

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program reimbursement for previously identified telemedicine and telehealth services has been extended for dates of service through September 30, 2021.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 800-568-2413.

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**33 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled "SHARS - Updates to Interim Claiming and Cost Reporting Requirements for SHARS PT, OT, ST, and Audiology Services," which was published August 13, 2021.

The updates for School Health and Related Services (SHARS) physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), speech therapy (ST), and audiology services will be effective November 1, 2021, instead of October 1,

2021. A grace period of one year will be in effect for the referring or prescribing provider National Provider Identifier (NPI).

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**34 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to an article titled "SHARS Updates to Audiology Services Under Section 504 Plan," which was published August 13, 2021.

The implementation date of October 1, 2021, has not been approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will notify School Health and Related Services (SHARS) providers upon CMS approval.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.

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**35 (09/24/21 through 10/15/21) \*\*\*\*\*Attention SHARS Providers\*\*\*\*\***

There is an update to the article titled "SHARS Benefits to Change for Texas Medicaid October 1, 2021," which was published on the TMHP website August 13, 2021.

Details are available on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.com](http://www.tmhp.com). [[link](#)]

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 800-925-9126.